

**East Oregonian (Pendleton)****EAST OREGONIAN**

Publication Name:

**East Oregonian (Pendleton)**

Publication URL:

[www.eastoregonian.com](http://www.eastoregonian.com)

Publication City and State:

**Pendleton, OR**

Publication County:

**Umatilla**

Notice Popular Keyword Category:

Notice Keywords:

Notice Authentication Number:

**201910151829026338193****2785446164**

Notice URL:

[Back](#)

Notice Publish Date:

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

**Notice Content**

EO-10430 Legal Notice for Plan Amendment Objection Filing High Ridge Management Area Plan Amendment The draft decision memo (DM) for the High Ridge Management Area Plan amendment is now available for public review and comment. The High Ridge Evaluation Area (Management Area F3) was established to create an administrative study area to evaluate the effects of timber harvesting activities on water quality and streamflow regimes. As part of a national Barometer Watershed study, data collection in this area was conducted from 1965 until after the completion of the study in 1996. As the study has ended and the management area is no longer serving a purpose, we propose to convert the High Ridge area to management area E2--Timber and Big Game. The High Ridge Management Area Plan amendment was developed to address the need for flexibility in managing the approximately 900 acre High Ridge Evaluation Area. This area is approximately 15 miles northwest of Elgin, OR, just west of Andes Prairie Sno Park. Proposal information is also available on Umatilla National Forest's project webpage at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56486>. The proposed action may be categorically excluded from further analysis and documentation under 36 CFR 220.6(e)(16) - Land management plans, plan amendments, and plan revisions developed in accordance with 36 CFR 219 et seq. that provide broad guidance and information for project and activity decisionmaking in a NFS unit. This proposed decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 219, Subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from those who submitted project-specific written comments during the combined scoping and comment period. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information arising after the designated comment period(s). Objections must be submitted within 45 days of the publication of this legal notice. The date of this legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 219.56 (c)). The preferred objection submission platform is via our webpage. Submit electronic objections on the Plan Amendment webpage: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56486> by selecting the "Comment/Object on Project" link in the "Get Connected" group at the right hand side of the project webpage. Put the project name in the subject line; attachments may be in the following formats: plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), Word (.doc, .docx), or portable document format (.pdf). Hardcopy objections can be submitted by: Mail: Regional Forester, Objection Reviewing Officer, Pacific Northwest Region, USDA Forest Service, Attn: 1570 Appeals and Objections, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR, 97208-3623 Hand delivery: The Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Regional Office, 13th Floor, Attn: 1570 Appeals and Objections, 1220 SW Third Avenue, Portland, OR 97204. Hand deliveries can occur between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday except legal holidays. Fax: Regional Forester, Attn: 1570 Appeals and Objections at 503-808-2339. Objections directed to other Forest staff and email comments containing viruses or malware will be rejected. Objections must include (36 CFR 219.54): 1) name, address and telephone; 2) signature or other verification of authorship; 3) identify a single lead objector when applicable; 4) name of plan or plan amendment or plan revision, Responsible Official name and title, and name of affected National Forest(s) 5) a statement of the issues and or part of the plan amendment to which the objection applies; 6) a concise statement explaining the objection and suggesting how the plan amendment may be improved or how it is inconsistent with law, regulation

or policy, and 7) a statement that demonstrated the link between prior substantive formal comments attributed to the objector and the content of the objection, unless an issue arose after the opportunity for formal comment. Incorporate documents by reference only as provided for at 36 CFR 219.54(b). For additional information about how to object, contact Katie Richardson at [katherinerichardson@fs.fed.us](mailto:katherinerichardson@fs.fed.us) or 541-278-3869. Published October 15th of 2019.

[Back](#)